What is claimed:

- A semiconductor diffusion prevention structure, comprising: a silicide layer formed on a semiconductor substrate; and a ternary phase layer formed on said silicide layer.
- The structure of claim 1, wherein said ternary phase layer is a Co-Ti-Si layer.
 - 3. A semiconductor device, comprising:
 - a semiconductor;

an insulator film formed on said substrate to define a contact hole such that said substrate is exposed;

- a silicide layer formed on said substrate and in said contact hole;
- a diffusion prevention layer on said silicide layer;
- a conductive plug on said diffusion prevention layer in said contact hole; and
 - a conducting layer on said conductive plug;
- 4. The semiconductor device of claim 3, wherein said diffusion prevention layer is a ternary phase layer.

5. The semiconductor device of claim 4, wherein said ternary phase layer is a Co-Ti-Si layer.